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Government of India
Department of Commonwealth Relations,

New Delhi, the 18th. Sept., 1946.

To

All Provincial Governments and
Chief Commissioners, Coorg, Baluchistan,
Delhi and Ajmere- Merwara-

Scheme of financial assistance to evacuees and to families in India of British subjects detained in Burma, Malaya and other territories under former enemy occupation-
Advances which have become irrecoverable-
Delegation of power to Provl. Govts, Chief Commissioners, etc., to write off- Sanction.

Sir,

I am directed to say that a number of cases have come to the notice of the Government of India in which advaces granted under the scheme of financial assistance to evacuees and to families in India of British subjects detained in Burma, Malaya and other territories under former enemy occupation have become irrecoverable owing to the death of the recipients or to the recipients proving untraceable or to some other causes. As the number of such cases under cinsideration of the Provincial Governments etc.m is likely to be considerable at present and also to increase with the passage of time, the Government of India have considered it desirable to delegate to the Provincial Governments, Chief Commissioners and others authorities in administrative charge of the scheme of financial assistance to evacuees and to dependents the power to write off finally irrecoverable advnces granted under the scheme up to a certain limit and subject to certain conditions . I am accordingly to say that the Governor General in Council is pleased to delegate to the Provincial Government you the power to write off finally irrecoverable advances under the scheme of assistance referred to, up to a limit of Rs. 400/- (rupees four hundred only) in any individual case, subject to the following conditions, viz., that

(i) advances are written off only after the Prov. Govt. You are fully satisfied that there is no possibility of recovery being effected at any time; (ii) the power is exercised only by the Provl. Govt./ You and not by any authorities subordinate to them/ y u and in respect of such advances only as have been debited to the Government of India; and

(iii) quarterly statements are furnished to the Government of India in duplicate showing the amounts written off during each quarter and indicating briefly the circumstances in which the advances were treated as irrecoverable.

2. In cases where evacuees have left India, all papers e relating to the advances granted to them should be forwarded to the Government of India in accordance with the instructions contained in Section VII- Maintenance of Individual affairs of Evacuees- in the Resume of Instructions (third and last edition) and in he " Instructions to Local Authorities " regarding the issue of Burma Evacuee Identity Certificates.

3. All cases relating to the write off of advances to evacuees and dependents which have been debited to the Government of Indai and which exceed Rs 400/- (Rupees four hundred only) in any individual case should be referred to the Government of India fororders giving full particulars and the justification for the write off in each case. Similarly all cases relating to the write off of advnces which have been debited to to Governemts other than the Government of India should continue to be reportrd to the Government of India for orders in each case.

I have the honour to be ,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Assistant Secretary.

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No. F. 40/ 48-E
GOVERMENT OF INDIA?
Ministry of External Affairs and
Commonwealth Relations.

New Delhi, the 3rd. March , 1948.

From

T. B. Crossley.,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India,

All Provincial Governments and
Chief Commissinefs , Delhi, Ajmere
Merwara and Coorg.

Subject:- Scheme of financial assistance to evacuees and to the families in India of British subjects detained in Burma , Ma laya and other territories under former enemy occupation - Recovery of advances - Procedure.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the late Commonwealth Relations Department circular letter No. F. 27/ 46 - E (i) , dated 18th. September, 1946, and to say that in view of the final termination of the scheme of financial assistance to evacuees on 29th. Feb. 1948 and eith a view to the reduction of work relating to advances paid to evacuees to the minimum extent possible, the Government of India consider that steps should be taken without delay to assertain the capacity of evacuees to repay their dues and to effect recoveries as soon as and whereever possible for this purpose they would request the Provincial Government to instruct all local authorities ~~you~~ who have sanctioned the grant of advances to evacuees from time to time to obtain in each individual case of evacuees who continue to reside in India, for information re a regarding their present employment income etc. and to submit a report on the basis on such information to enable the Provincial Government to decide whether the advances ~~you should~~ should be treated as recoverable or not,

If the provincial Government are fully satisfied in individual cases of Indian evacuees that there are no prospects whatever of recoveries being effected at any time they may write off advances up to a limit of Rs 400/-in eabh case in accordance with the instructions conta ned in the late Commonwealth Relations Department circular letter referred to above refferring to the Government of India with specific recommendatic s cases in which the amounts exceed Rs 400/- . In making such recommendations , in information on the points specified in the late Commonwealth Relations Department circular letter No. F. 40 / 47 - E, dated 29th. April, 1947 may kindly be furnished invariably in each case. Cases relating to the advances which have been debited to Governments other than the overnment of India, should continue to be referred to the Government of India, sOOO as heretofore irrespective of the amount involved.

2. In cases where the provincial Government are satidfied that there are prospects of effecting recoveries local sanctioning authorities may kindly be instructed to initiate the process of recovery as early as possible with due regard to the circumstances of each individual case , Local authorities may also be instructed to furnish the Provincial Government urgently with a report containing their appreciation of the position regarding the total

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3. I am also to invite reference to Section VII of the Resume of Instructions (Third and Revised edition) and to Paragraph 24 of the Instructions to Local Authorities concerning the registration and issue of identity certificates to Indian evacuee returning to Burma and to request that in the case of evacuees who proceed out of India all relevant records concerning the grant of assistance may be furnished to the Government of India as soon as practicable after their departure.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Deputy Secretary.

No. F. 40/48 - E.

Copy forwarded to

(i). the Ministry of States in continuation of the late Commonwealth Relations Department endorsement No. F. 27/46 EI, dated 18th. September, 1946 for communication to the OSDS, Regional Commissioners, Etc.,

(ii). the Consul General for India in the French Establishment in India in continuation of the late External affairs Department letter No. D. 1526 - X / 46, dated 27th. September 1946 for information and necessary action.

By order,

(O. C. Nambiar).
Assistant Secretary.

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No. F. 40/48-E
Government of India,
Ministry of External affairs and
Commonwealth Relations.

New Delhi, the 11th. March, 1948.

CORRIGENDUM.

Subject:- Scheme of financial assistance to evacuees of British subjects ordinarily resident in Burma, Malaya and other territories under former enemy occupation- Recovery of advances - Procedure.

For the words 'hereto paragraph 3' in the last sentence of paragraph 1 of this Ministry letter No. F. 40 / 48 - E, dated 3rd. March, 1948 please substitute 'heretofore'.

(O. C. Nambiar)
Assistant Secretary.

To

All Provincial Governments and Chief Commissioners,
Delhi, Ajmer- Merwara and Coorg.

No., F. 40/48- E.

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1. The Ministry of States in continuation of this Ministry's endersement No. No. F. 40/48 - E, dated the 3rd. March 1948, for communication tomthe O. S. D. S , Regional Commissioners, etc.,

2. the Consul General for India in the French Establishments in India , in continuation of this Ministry's endersement No. F. 40/48 - E., dated the 3rd. March, 1948 for information

By order,

(O. C. Nambiar,)

Assistant Secretary.

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